BTEC Assignment Brief

Qualification	Pearson BTEC International Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care
Unit number and title	**Unit 14: Policy in Health and Social Care**
Learning aim(s)	Learning aim A: Understand the role of government in health and social care policy making Learning aim B: Examine the factors that may influence policy making in health and social care Learning aim C: Explore the impact of policy on local health and social care organisations and individuals
Assignment title	**Policy and legislation - help or hindrance?**
Assessor	
Issue date	
Hand in deadline	

Vocational Scenario or Context	As part of your studies for this unit, you are asked to conduct some research on health and social care provision in your local area. You should select a setting that you can easily investigate. This information will support you in gaining an understanding of how health and social care settings are affected by different factors, including government policy.

Task 1	Your research should be presented as a report that evaluates how the practice of a health and social care setting local to you, is affected by government policy and other factors, with regards to care delivery. Your report should also assess the ways in which local and central government work together to make the policies that affect your selected setting. Your report should also include the following: ● an assessment of ways in which health and social care organisations meet government objectives and represent service users with a specific need, referring to your chosen setting ● an explanation of the role of government in making policy that affects your selected setting and the factors that affect the way policy is made ● an explanation of the ways in which organisations in the health and social care sector, represent the needs of service users with a specific need.
Checklist of evidence required	Report

Criteria covered by this task:	
Criteria reference	To achieve the criteria you must show that you are able to:
AB.D1	Evaluate how practice of a local health and social care setting is affected by government policy and other factors in meeting objectives and a specific need of a service user group.
A.M1	Assess ways local and central government work together to make policy affecting a local health and social care setting.
B.M2	Assess ways that organisations in the health and social care sector meet objectives set out by the government and represent the needs of service users with a specific need.
A.P1	Explain the role of government in making policy that affects a local health and social care setting.
B.P2	Explain factors that influence the ways that policy is made in the health and social care sector.
B.P3	Explain ways that organisations represent the needs of health and social care service users with a specific need.
Task 2	The evidence for this task should be based on **two** different local health and social care settings. You are asked to produce a report that evaluates the ways in which workers and service users are affected by regulations and codes of practice relevant to each of your selected settings. You should also assess the impact of regulations and policy on workers and service users. Your report must evaluate whether or not policy making has improved the health and wellbeing of service users in your two selected settings and include a comparison of how your two health and social care settings implement regulations and policies. You should conclude with an overall explanation of how the health and social care sector is affected by one piece of regulation and how service users are affected by policy in both health and social care.

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Criteria covered by this task:	
Criteria reference	To achieve the criteria you must show that you are able to:
C.D2	Evaluate ways that regulations and codes of practice affect workers and service users in different local health care or social care settings.
C.D3	Evaluate whether policy making in health and social care has improved the health and wellbeing of service users in different local health care or social care settings.
C.M3	Assess the impact of regulations and policy on workers and service users in different local health care or social care settings.
C.P4	Explain how the health and social care sector is affected by one piece of regulation.
C.P5	Compare how different local health care or social care organisations implement regulations and policies.
C.P6	Explain how policy affects health care or social care service users.

Sources of information to support you with this Assignment	**Books** Fatchet A — *Social Policy for Nurses* (Polity, 2012) ISBN 9780745649191 Spicker P — *Social Policy Theory and practice* (Policy Press, 2014) ISBN 9781447316107 **Website** http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/social-care-and-support-guide/Pages/Care-Act-2014-overview.aspx
Other assessment materials attached to this Assignment Brief	N/A